

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 92-476-C - ORDER NO. 93-75  
JANUARY 19, 1993

IN RE: Tariff Filing of Southern Bell Telephone	)	ORDER
and Telegraph Company for Revisions to its	)	APPROVING
Private Line and Access Service Tariff and	)	STIPULATION,
Access Service Tariff to Introduce a New	)	TARIFF AND
Service Called Commercial Quality Video	)	CLOSING
Service.	)	DOCKET

On July 20, 1992, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell or the Company) filed a request for approval of revisions to its Private Line Service and Access Service Tariffs. The purpose of the revisions is to introduce a new service offering which is called Commercial Quality Video Service. The service will provide a full-motion video service that is visually comparable to broadcast quality video service. The tariff was received and processed by the Commission's Staff in accordance with established procedures.

Thereafter, Petitions to Intervene were filed on behalf of the South Carolina Cable Television Association (SCCTA) and Steven W. Hamm, Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina (the Consumer Advocate). A hearing was scheduled to take place in the Commission's Hearing Room on Wednesday, January 13, 1993 at 10:30 a.m.

Thereafter, a Stipulation was reached between Southern Bell, SCCTA and the Consumer Advocate. The Stipulation was filed with the Commission on December 23, 1992.

The Stipulation provides as follows:

1. BellSouth does not intend to and has no current plans to market the instant tariffed service to residential customers; therefore, BellSouth does not intend to and has no current plans to construct facilities in residential areas for the purpose of providing the instant tariffed service to residential customers. SCCTA acknowledges that this Stipulation shall not be construed to prohibit BellSouth from providing the instant tariffed service to residential customers if requested pursuant to the tariff nor from constructing facilities to provide such service.
2. Commercial quality video is a lesser quality video signal than network or cable broadcasting quality.
3. BellSouth has no intent to use its commercial quality video service for the purpose of cable television trunking.
4. A section 214 facility is defined in 47 U.S.C. 214 and construction of such a facility requires a certificate from the Federal Communication Commission. Under current laws, in order to construct a video dialtone facility, BellSouth would be required to utilize the 214 process, unless portions of the FCC's Video Dialtone Order relating to the need for 214 certification for constructing such a facility are amended on reconsideration or in subsequent proceedings or removed by an appellate court.
5. BellSouth is not introducing its commercial quality video service in order to utilize provision of such service as a "backbone" for video dial tone.
6. BellSouth's commercial quality service is not currently part of a plan for a switched interstate video system.

7. BellSouth agrees that a federal tariff must be filed in order to implement such a system as outlined in six (6.) above. The filing of such a tariff would provide notice to SCCTA of BellSouth's implementation of such a system at that time.
8. As discussed with the S.C. Consumer Advocate, BellSouth agrees that the full cost of the commercial quality video service will be included in BellSouth's embedded direct analysis which will be filed by BellSouth as ordered by the Commission in BellSouth's Incentive Regulation docket.

Upon the filing of the Stipulation, SCCTA and the Consumer Advocate agreed to withdraw their intervention in the instant Docket. The Stipulation is understood to be the parties' express basis for their withdrawal from the Docket.

The Commission has considered the Stipulation filed on behalf of the parties and the withdrawal of the intervention of SCCTA and the Consumer Advocate. The Commission herein finds that the Stipulation is appropriate and should be approved and the parties should be allowed to withdraw their intervention. In light of the Stipulation and the withdrawal of the intervention, the Commission herein approves the tariff filing of Southern Bell for revisions to its Private Line Service Tariff and Access Service Tariff to

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introduce a new service called Commercial Quality Video Service  
pursuant to the Stipulation of the parties.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Deputy Executive Director

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